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Response to Office Action Dated 12/08/2003

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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4 Applicant ..... Microsoft Corporation  
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10 To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
11 Washington, D.C. 20231

12 From: David S. Thompson (Tel. 509-324-9256; Fax 509-323-8979)  
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14 Sir:

15 In response to the Office Action of 12/08/2003, please amend the above-  
16 identified application as follows:

17 **Amendment** to the Abstract was made on page 3 of this paper. Amendments to the  
18 claims are reflected by the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

19 **Remarks/Arguments** start on page 25 of this paper.  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated 12/08/2003, for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set for 03/08/2004. Please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the directions set forth below.